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6004X	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		98	98											
6005	11/29/75	MEMO TO DIR		3	3				✓							EXCISE
6006	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		2	2				✓							RELEASE
6006X	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		1	1				✓							RELEASE
6007	11/28/75	INTERNAL MEMO		4	4				✓							RELEASE
6007X	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		48	48											
UNRECORDED	12/4/75	MEMO TO DIR		6	6				✓							RELEASE
6008	12/15/75	INTERNAL MEMO		1	1				✓							EXCISE
6009	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		4	4				✓	✓						EXCISE
6010	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		3	0				✓	✓						EXEMPT.
6011	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		13	13				✓	✓						RELEASE
UNRECORDED	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		19	19			✓	✓							
6012	12/12/75	MEMO TO DIR		2	2				✓	✓						RELEASE
6012X	12/12/75	INTERNAL MEMO		3	3											
6013	12/16/75	INTERNAL MEMO		1	1				✓							RELEASE
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	6016	AIRTEL TO DIR RM 806, 12/19/76	.	3	3				✓✓						EXCISE
	UNRECORDED	INTERNAL MEMO 11/1/76		3	3										RELEASE
	"	AIRTEL TO DIR RM 806, 12/19/76		1	1				✓						
	6017	INTERNAL MEMO 12/18/76		3	3										
	6018	INTERNAL MEMO 12/18/76		3	3										
	6019	INTERNAL MEMO 12/18/76		2	2				✓						RELEASE
	6020	LETTER TO AG DIR 12/18/76		4	4										
	6020X	LETTER TO AG DIR 12/18/76		3	3				✓						RELEASE
	UNRECORDED	LETTER TO AG DIR 12/18/76		3	3				✓						RELEASE
	"	LETTER TO AG DIR 12/18/76		2	2				✓						RELEASE
	6021	INTERNAL MEMO 12/18/76		1	1										
	6021X	INTERNAL MEMO 12/18/76		2	2				✓						RELEASE
	6022	LETTER TO AG DIR 12/18/76		3	3				✓✓						RELEASE
	6023	DOC FOR ORIGINATOR 11/1/76		3	3				✓						RELEASE
	6024	INTERNAL MEMO 11/6/76		2	2				✓						RELEASE
	6025	INTERNAL MEMO 11/6/76		3	3				✓✓						RELEASE

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44-38861	6026	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/2/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
	6027	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	5	5				✓	✓	b6				Excise
	6028	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	1	1				✓	✓					Release
	6029	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	...	3	3				✓	✓					Release
	6030	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	5	5				✓						Release
	UNRECORDED	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2										
	6031	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	1	1				✓						Release
	UNRECORDED	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
		FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
	6033	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	4	3				✓	✓	b3				Release
	6034	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	0				✓						Release
	6035	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
	6036	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
	6037	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
	6038	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	1	1				✓						Release
	6039	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	2	2				✓						Release
	6040	FF TO DIR FM ATC 11/9/76	.	6	6				✓	✓					Release

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	6042	FF TO DIR FM AFL 11/17/76		5	3				✓	✓								RELEASE
	UNRECORDED	MEMO TO AG FM DIR 11/17/76		2	2				✓	✓								RELEASE
	6043	FF TO DIR FM AFL 11/17/76		3	3				✓									RELEASE
	6044	FF TO AG FM DIR 11/17/76		3	3				✓									RELEASE
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- 1 - Laboratory Division  
Attention: Mr. Kilty
- 1 - Mr. Moore  
Attention: Mr. Gunn
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher  
Attention: Mr. Lawn

Dear Mr. Shaklan:

Please refer to the Deputy Attorney General's letter directed to you dated December 1, 1975, regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal for access to certain materials pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enclosed herein are copies of the records you have requested which I have been directed to release as the result of the Deputy Attorney General's consideration of your appeal.

In accordance with the Deputy Attorney General's letter, \$80 of special search fees are being waived and reproduction costs for the enclosed material amount to \$16.50. Please make your check or money order payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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NOTE: CBS through its Senior Producer, Ernest Leiser, requested certain material related to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King by letter dated 9/5/75. We denied the request in its entirety by letter dated 10/7/75. We based our denial on the fact that Ray has a current appeal pending in the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (citing (b)(7)(A) and (B) of the FOIA). This denial was coordinated with Division 6. CBS through its attorney Allen Y. Shaklan appealed our denial. U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, interposed a memorandum of objection to the release of this material setting forth its position that the release could have a detrimental effect on the pending trial. This Department of Justice memorandum was considered by the Deputy Attorney General, however, the Deputy Attorney General disagreed with the arguments therein. It is believed that the Civil Rights memorandum clearly enunciates any objection we would have to the release of these documents. Deputy Attorney General, by letter dated 12/1/75, is advising Shaklan that the CBS request will be fully honored.

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Allen Y. Shaklan, Esquire  
Senior Attorney  
CBS, Inc.  
51 West 52nd Street  
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Shaklan:

This is in response to the pending administrative appeal under the Freedom of Information Act filed by you from the denial by Director Clarence M. Kelley of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the request of CBS News Senior Producer Ernest Leiser for certain scientific reports and photographs relating to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

After careful consideration of this appeal, I have decided to modify Director Kelley's action in this case and to grant your client access to every written record, photograph and sketch within the scope of his request. Minor excisions have been made from certain of the documents to be released, to delete purely internal agency markings and distribution notations, as well as names of Bureau personnel. In my opinion, the matter so excised is not appropriate for discretionary release.

Based on conversations between yourself and my Freedom of Information and Privacy Unit, I am releasing to you records and photographs in addition to those strictly within the scope of your written request. Three color photographs of the death bullet are included, as is a list of the evidence received by the F.B.I. laboratory; this latter item is to make intelligible certain of the records specifically requested. Your client will be furnished thirty-one pages of records at 10 cents per page, eleven black and white photographs at their reproduction cost of 40 cents each.

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and three color photographs at their reproduction cost of \$3.00 each. These materials will either be mailed to you or delivered to your agent by Special Agent Thomas Wiseman, F.B.I. Headquarters, Washington, D. C. 20537. Direct delivery can be arranged either by contacting Mr. Wiseman through the F.B.I. switchboard [202-324-3000] or by contacting Mr. Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Chief of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Unit [202-739-4672]. As a matter of my discretion, I am waiving \$80.00 in special search fees which could be charged for non-clerical work in connection with this request and another one for many of the same materials.

Because of the nominal excisions of agency markings and the names of agents, I am required to advise you that if CBS is dissatisfied with my action on this appeal, judicial review thereof is available in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which your client has its principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records it seeks are located.

Very truly yours,

Harold R. Tyler, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General



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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Gallagher *RK*

DATE: 11/28/75

FROM : J. S. Peelman *JS*

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. O'Connell  
1 - Mr. Peelman  
1 - Mr. Lawn  
1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. Wannall

*JS* This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968. James Earl Ray had pleaded guilty in State Court, Tennessee, and is presently serving a 99-years sentence. *LAWN*

SYNOPSIS: Civil Rights activists have appealed for a new investigation into the assassination of Dr. King, based in part on "new information" provided by Robert Byron Watson and C. H. Andrews. Previous memoranda have been prepared concerning Watson, who had been interviewed by the FBI in 1971 and had indicated that he had lied when he stated that he had positive information concerning a conspiracy. Recent investigation by the Atlanta Police Department (ATPD) confirmed that Watson had fabricated his conspiracy information. *info*

C. H. Andrews had been in contact with James Earl Ray's Attorney, Robert Livingston in 1974 and had indicated his knowledge of, and involvement in, a conspiracy. District Attorney General, Memphis, and a Memphis attorney who had been in contact with Andrews believed revelations by Andrews were a hoax perpetrated to swindle Livingston, Ray's attorney, of funds. Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice, was forwarded all information received concerning Watson and Andrews and has not requested any additional investigation concerning these matters. *info*

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DETAILS: The "Washington Post" dated Friday, November 28, 1975, carried an article which indicated that Civil Rights Activists Dick Gregory and Reverend Ralph Abernathy have called for a new "independent investigation" into the assassination of Dr. King. The basis for this investigation is the fact that Robert Byron Watson and C. H. Andrews, also known as R. L. Warren, have new evidence to provide in connection with Dr. King's death.

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RE: MURKIN

As indicated in prior memoranda dated 6/26/75 and 7/7/75, captioned as above, Robert Byron Watson was interviewed by the FBI on April 7, 1971, pertaining to whatever information he could furnish concerning a conspiracy in the assassination of Martin Luther King. Watson indicated that the information he had made public concerning a conspiracy was untrue. He stated that he told this conspiracy story in order to receive a reward to reimburse his mother for losses she had sustained in a business venture. Watson stated that he had told his mother that the story about the alleged assassination plot was untrue and the reason that he had made it up.

On April 7, 1971, Mrs. Lillian Watson, mother of Robert Byron Watson, advised that her son had in fact told her that his story concerning the alleged assassination plot was untrue and his reason for fabricating such a story. She stated that after Watson had told her that this information was untrue, she made no effort to contact any individual or organization whom she had previously contacted to advise them that her son's information was not correct.

This information was furnished to the CRD in April, 1971.

On June 21, 1975, the wire services carried information revealed by Atlanta, Georgia, Public Safety Commissioner Reginald Eaves, to the effect that Eaves was in possession of "... strong information of a conspiracy" in the death of Martin Luther King. Eaves indicated that he had received this information from a second party, Robert Byron Watson, which information "warrants their serious consideration."

Thereafter, Eaves ordered an independent investigation by the Intelligence Section, ATPD, in order to corroborate the information furnished by Watson. An extensive investigation was conducted by the ATPD and the following conclusion reached.

"After reviewing all of the investigative data, including the results of the polygraph examinations, which had been given, it was decided that Watson's allegations, relevant to a conspiracy, had been discredited through evidence on hand and did not warrant further inquiry. On this basis, the investigation was closed."

Mr. Eaves was later quoted in the "Atlanta Constitution" newspaper dated July 30, 1975, as follows, "Based on this evidence, our investigation, therefore, causes us to reject the probability

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of a conspiracy based upon the specific allegations made by Watson in the document he submitted relevant to Dr. King's death."

A copy of the results of this investigation by the ATPD, as well as a copy of Watson's document, was forwarded to the CRD in September, 1975.

The individual identified as C. H. Andrews has not been interviewed by the FBI in reference to this investigation. However, in May, 1974, District Attorney General Hugh Stanton, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee, confidentially advised that he had been approached by Mr. Robert Livingston, who is one of the attorneys for James Earl Ray. At that time, Livingston told District Attorney General Stanton that an individual named Cliff Andrews had been in contact with Livingston and had indicated that he, Andrews, and two others, were involved in a conspiracy in the killing of Dr. King. Andrews indicated that they were to receive \$250,000 but for some reason were never paid. Andrews told Livingston that all three would testify provided they were granted total immunity, but that they might require an advance of travel funds. Mr. Stanton indicated at that time that it was his belief that Andrews was attempting to swindle Livingston.

This information was furnished to the CRD on May 30, 1974.

On July 16, 1974, Memphis Attorney Russell X. Thompson contacted the Memphis Division and stated that Ray's Attorney, Robert Livingston, had asked Thompson to represent Cliff Andrews in Andrews' attempt to obtain immunity from the Shelby County District Attorney. Thompson indicated that it was his belief that Andrews was perpetrating some type hoax although Andrews had not yet requested anything of value.

This information was furnished to the CRD on 7/16/74, and Mr. William Gardner, Departmental Attorney, requested that no additional investigation be conducted regarding Andrews.

On July 17, 1974, Attorney Thompson again contacted the Memphis Division and advised that Cliff Andrews had contacted him and had requested that \$700 be sent to Cliff Andrews, Canadian National Telegraph Office, Owen Sound, Ontario. Anderson indicated to Mr. Thompson that it would probably take an additional \$2,500 to \$3,000 to enable Andrews to locate the other people involved in the conspiracy and to get them to Memphis. Thompson



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stated that he told Andrews that he would not send these funds. Mr. Thompson indicated that he was more convinced than ever this was a hoax and that Andrews was apparently attempting to swindle Ray's Attorney, Robert Livingston.

No further attempts were made by the FBI to locate, identify, and interview Cliff Andrews.

To date, the CRD has not requested that any additional investigation be conducted regarding Watson or Andrews.

ACTION: None. For information.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callaghan

FROM : J. S. Peelman

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Callaghan

1 - Mr. Jenkins

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DATE: 12/5/75

1 - Mr. Gallagher

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee, in April, 1968.

The purpose of this memorandum is to request approval for maintenance of the MURKIN file on a temporary basis in Room 5131 JEB, Civil Rights Section.

By memorandum dated 12-4-75, the Attorney General advised this Bureau that a review of all material pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr. has been initiated by the Department. In this regard, the Department has requested the cooperation of this Bureau in handling requests for information contained in the Bureau files pertaining to King.

It is anticipated that numerous requests will be received from the Department which will necessitate immediate access to these files to facilitate file reviews and thereafter to respond expeditiously to the requests from the Department.

The Department set out in their 12-4-75 memorandum that this matter "is of the highest Departmental priority."

Action: That approval be granted to maintain the MURKIN file in Room 5131 JEB, Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, on a temporary basis to facilitate the expeditious handling of the requests forthcoming from the Department.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall*

DATE: 12/9/75

FROM : V. V. Kolombatovic *VVK*

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO ROYAL CANADIAN  
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INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED BY  
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*C* This is to advise that, on 12/9/75, Inspector Harry Brandes of the RCMP Office, Washington, D. C., was advised Jerry Niedermeier and Steve Horn, Attorneys of the U. S. Department of Justice, had left for Canada for the purpose of interviewing Charles Holmes Andrews at the Calgary Correctional Institution, Calgary, Canada, in connection with the Martin Luther King assassination matter. *VVK/Kolombatovic*

Inspector Brandes was further advised that the Departmental Attorneys had left Washington at 9:45 a.m. aboard Allegheny Flight 539 and were to arrive in Toronto, Canada, at 11:37 a.m. 12/9/75. They were then to depart Toronto via Air Canada Flight 135 at 1:55 p.m. and were scheduled to arrive in Calgary at 4:40 p.m. same date.

Inspector Brandes advised that he would telephonically inform his Headquarters of the above.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - Mr. V. V. Kolombatovic

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MEMORANDUM TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On November 24, 1975, I directed Assistant Attorneys General J. Stanley Pottinger and Richard L. Thornburgh to review the files relating to Martin Luther King at once in the light of recent testimony, and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened.

Mr. Pottinger's office is undertaking the initial review of all material in the Department of Justice in order to comply with my directive.

I have asked that this review be conducted thoroughly but with dispatch. Both Messrs. Pottinger and Thornburgh understand, I believe, that this investigation is of the highest Departmental priority. I am sure that you will cooperate with them to facilitate their access to Bureau files both here and in the field, as they may request them, and to make available personnel of the Bureau for interviews and such other assistance as may be necessary.

I am also requesting that you assign one person responsible for assisting in this investigation.

- (1) - J. Stanley Pottinger
- (1) - Richard L. Thornburgh

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1 - Mr. Wannall

*Log*  
Reference is made to Departmental memorandum dated December 4, 1975, which set out for the information of this Bureau that the Department has initiated a review of all material pertaining to Martin Luther King, Jr.

You can be assured of the complete cooperation of this Bureau pertaining to this review. I have instructed that Supervisors Edward J. McDonough and John C. Lawn be available to respond to any requests emanating from the Department and to assist in every way possible in this regard.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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**The Attorney General**

**NOTE:** Attached is a copy of a letter from the Office of the Attorney General dated 12/4/75, which sets out that the Department is conducting a review of all material relative to Martin Luther King, Jr. The Attorney General's letter requested Bureau cooperation in making available Headquarters and field office files for review and personnel for interview.

As requested by the Department, the General Investigative Division has designated Supervisors Edward J. McDonough and John C. Lawn to handle any inquiries and requests as they relate to the MURKIN investigation.

A log will be maintained by the GID listing all requests received from the Department pertaining to the MURKIN investigation, which will set out the dates requests are received, the nature of the requests and the dates requests handled.

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To: SAC, Tampa (157-3231)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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ReTPtel 12/12/75.

For your information, a copy of Tampa LHM dated 7/2/74 was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, when received. No additional dissemination was made by FBIHQ.

Unless TP files indicate that further dissemination was made by your Division, advise Wehunt along these lines if he makes any further inquiries on this aspect.

SuLHM setting out information contained in referenced communication.

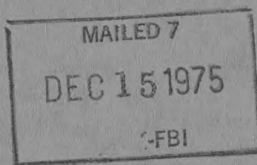
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NOTE: By teletype dated 12/12/75, TP advised that Wehunt, who had furnished information relative to the MURKIN investigation, was recently contacted by a representative of the news media and questioned about the information furnished to the FBI.

TP requested that FBIHQ advise whether any dissemination made which initiated this press inquiry.

(LHM dated 7/2/74 was furnished to CRD on 7/5/74.)

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: TAMPA (157-3231)

MURKIN.

RE TAMPA AIRTEL WITH ENCLOSED LHM JULY 2, 1974.

RE TAMPA AIRTEL WITH ENCLOSED LHM SETS FORTH THE RESULTS OF AN INTERVIEW ON JULY 1, 1974, OF ROBERT THOMAS WEHUNT, JR., A STAFF SERGEANT, USAF, AT MACDILL AFB, FLA. DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTERVIEW, WEHUNT INDICATED THAT HIS FATHER WHO DIED IN AUGUST, 1973, HAD BEEN A GUARD AT THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL, ATLANTA, GA., FOR 8 YEARS. ACCORDING TO WEHUNT HIS FATHER HAD OBTAINED THREE SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM "HARD CORE" CONVICTS IN THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL AND EACH STATEMENT STATED THAT THESE CONVICTS HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY VERY INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMAN TO KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., FOR \$100,000.

ON DECEMBER 12, 1975, ROBERT WEHUNT, JR., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE TAMPA OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT ANGEL CASTILLO, A REPORTER FOR THE "ST. PETERSBURG TIMES" HAD CONTACTED WEHUNT

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

ON [Illegible]

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU [Illegible]

ADVISE THE BUREAU OF ANY [Illegible]

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ON DECEMBER 12, 1975, AND REQUESTED THAT WEHUNT TELEPHONE COLLECT TO JOHN CREWDSON, A REPORTER FOR THE "NEW YORK TIMES" AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 202-293-3100. WEHUNT ADVISED THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED CREWDSON WHO INDICATED THAT HE DESIRED TO COME TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, TO INTERVIEW WEHUNT CONCERNING INFORMATION THAT WEHUNT HAD PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE FBI. WEHUNT STATED THAT FROM HIS CONVERSATION WITH CREWDSON IT WAS OBVIOUS TO HIM THAT CREWDSON HAD THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW OF WEHUNT BY A TAMPA FBI AGENT ON JULY 1, 1974. WEHUNT ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER TO CREWDSON BUT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT CREWDSON AND FURNISH A DEFINITE ANSWER TO HIM AS TO WHETHER HE DESIRED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

WEHUNT DESIRED TO KNOW HOW A REPORTER FROM THE "NEW YORK TIMES" OBTAINED THE RESULTS OF HIS INTERVIEW ON JULY 1, 1974. WEHUNT WAS ADVISED THAT THE TAMPA OFFICE WAS NOT AWARE AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH CREWDSON COULD OBTAIN THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED OF WEHUNT BY TAMPA AGENT. WEHUNT SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT HE PLANS TO CONTACT CASTILLO AND HAVE CASTILLO

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ADVISE CREWDSON THAT HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY CREWDSON INASMUCH AS CREWDSON APPARENTLY HAS ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT HE PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO THE FBI. IN ADDITION WEHUNT ADVISED THAT HE WILL ADVISE CASTILLO HE IS FEARFUL OF HIS LIFE IF IT BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT HE FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FACT THAT VERY INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMEN PLOTTED TO KILL DR. KING.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE TAMPA CONCERNING CREWDSON OBTAINING RESULTS OF TAMPA INTERVIEW OF WEHUNT.

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PLS HOLD FORONE

TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK  
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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
 From: *Jm* Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (RUC)  
 Subject: MURKIN

ReBUcab dated 11-29-75.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Buffalo, and Memphis are copies of RCMP record for Clifford Holmes Andrews. Also enclosed for Memphis is one photograph of Andrews. *Canada*

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- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 1)  
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Note: Enc. is copy of RCMP record of Clifford Holmes Andrews. As noted, Andrews was incarcerated in April 1968, but was on parole in 1974 during period Attorneys Livingston & Thompson were contacted.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441111) (P)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-158711) (P)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] (P)  
RE: [REDACTED] (P)

On 12/18/75, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been contacted by [REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] was planning to travel to New York City on 12/20/75 for the purpose of [REDACTED].

It was further stated that [REDACTED] was currently residing at [REDACTED] and was planning to travel to New York City on 12/20/75 for the purpose of [REDACTED].



**CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS**  
(AND RELATED INFORMATION)



**SUMMARY OF POLICE**  
(NOT INTENDED FOR ...)

NAME(S) CLIFFORD HOLMES ANDREWS

IDENTIFICATION SERVICES  
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
OTTAWA, CANADA

FPS No. 75538A

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DATE AND PLACE OF SENTENCE	CHARGE	DISPOSITION	DATE, PLACE CHARGE AND DISPOSITION
1965 - OCT. 1 TORONTO, ONT.	(1) FRAUD (2 CHGS.) (2) FRAUD (2 CHGS.)	(1) 2 YRS. ON EACH CHG. CONC. (2) 2 YRS. ON EACH CHG. CONC. BUT CONSEC. TO #1	1963 AUG 29 BRACEBRIDGE ONT OBTAINING FOOD & LODGING BY FRAUD- WITHDRAWN
1967 - MAR. 10		PAROLED	1965 OCT 1 TORONTO ONT FRAUD (3 CHGS.), ATT. FRAUD - ALL DISMISSED
1967 - SEPT. 26 SUDBURY, ONT.	COMMON ASSAULT, SEC. 231 (1) CC (3 CHGS.)	FINED \$50. 1/D 10 DAYS ON EACH CHG. CONSEC.	
1969 - MAR. 11 SUDBURY, ONT.	ASSAULT C.B.H., SEC. 231 (2) CC	30 DAYS	1970 NOV 6 TORONTO ONT FORGERY (2 CHGS.), POSS OF REVENUE PAPER, THEFT OVER \$50., POSS OF STOLEN PROPERTY OVER \$50., ALL DISMISSED
1968 - MAR. 11	PAROLE VIOLATOR	RECOMMITTED	
1970 - NOV. 6 TORONTO, ONT.	UTTERING (2 CHGS.)	9 MOS. ON EACH CHG. CONC.	1970 DEC 2 HAMILTON ONT ABSCOND BAIL, THEFT OVER \$50. - WITHDRAWN
1970 - DEC. 2 MILTON, ONT.	(1) FRAUD (4 CHGS.) (2) POSS. OF STOLEN PROPERTY UNDER \$50.	(1) 16 MOS. ON EACH CHG. CONC. (2) 3 MOS. CONC.	
1971 - MAY 28		PAROLED	
1974 - SEPT. 4 MILTON, ONT.	EXTORTION SEC. 305(1) CC	1 YR.	
1974 - DEC. 16 OWEN SOUND, ONT.	(1) FRAUD BY ACCOMMODATION SEC. 322(1) CC (2) FALSE PRETENCES SEC. 320(1) CC (5 CHGS.)	(1) 6 MOS. CONSEC. TO SENT. SERVING (2) 6 MOS. ON EACH CHG. CONC. & CONC. TO #1	

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (C)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM containing information received from a confidential source of the Birmingham Office relating to the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

One copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

INFORMANTSIdentity of SourceFile Where Located

BH T-1 is BH 1079-PCI

BH 137-2089

This informant was contacted on 4/18/74 and he said he would be willing to assist this Bureau on a confidential basis concerning violation of Federal and/or local laws that might come to this attention. It is noted that he has an extensive criminal record and is known to associate with much of the criminal element in the Birmingham area.

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1 - Detroit (Enc. 1) (info) (RM)  
1 - New Orleans (Enc. 1) (info) (RM)  
1 - Birmingham

CBS:bkc

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The confidential source is  
1-CRD Morris Davis who advised on 5/31/77 that he can be identified to the HSCA as the source of the information he furnished. See BH 12/17/75 teletype 5/31/77 and BH Airtel 6/1/77  
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BH 44-1740

In August, 1974, it was noted that this source had been contacted at least once each 30 days since April, 1974 and failed to furnish any information of value. SA MICHAEL R. HARTMAN noted at that time that it appeared that source had been attempting to gain information concerning current FBI investigations rather than furnishing information. Due to this fact, the informant's case was closed.

This informant's file was reopened recently when he was contacted in a routine investigation. He said that his son was currently under arrest for selling drugs and in connection with this, source said he would like to help his son in any way he could by providing information to the Federal Government. Since then, he has given some reliable information. This source has a criminal record and has been characterized by SA RALPH N. BUTLER, who had an 87 case against source in which he was prosecuted, as a "pathological liar".



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

December 12, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 44-1740

ASSASSINATION OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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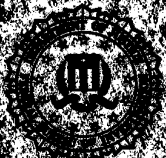
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Cochran *[Signature]*  
FROM : J. J. McDermott *[Signature]*

DATE: 12/18/75 *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF  
ERNEST S. LEISER OF CBS NEWS

Re letter of Ernest S. Leiser dated December 15, 1975,  
copy attached.

Captioned requester was furnished information  
relating to Laboratory examinations of the assassination  
of Martin Luther King, Jr., by letter dated December 2, 1975.  
As indicated in the attached letter, the requester is  
seeking a clarification regarding bullet comparison  
photomicrographs of the evidence bullet and of test  
bullets made by our Laboratory.

The requester has indicated his desire to have  
this information furnished in time for use on the  
scheduled CBS series captioned, "The American Assassinations,"  
on January 2, 1976.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

Total agent time utilized, direct cost of  
service and preparation and material relating to the  
reproduction, be furnished.

(See Laboratory Addendum Page 2)

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1 - Mr. John Kilty  
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JWK:rlc

December 22, 1975

In this case, the distorted bullet, listed as Q64, did not bear sufficient microscopic marks of value for identification purposes. No photographs or photomicrographs of the test bullets obtained from the evidence rifle were made inasmuch as such photographs would not be taken in situations where it is not possible to effect an identification.

All the notes available concerning the firearms examinations of the evidence bullet, Q64, have been made available.

Two hours of agent time were utilized.

*VP* *Jim*

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# CBS NEWS

A Division of CBS Inc.  
524 West 57 Street  
New York, New York 10019  
(212) 765-4321

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

December 15, 1975

To confirm our telephone conversation:

What CBS News has been seeking, under the Freedom of Information Act, in addition to the material you have made available to us, includes:

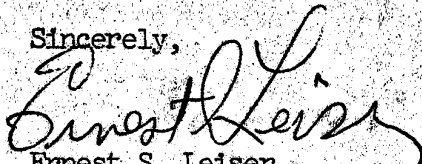
1. Photographs and/or photomicrographs of the test bullets fired from the evidence rifle in the King case.
2. Analyses of the test bullets, comparing them in detail to the murder (evidence) bullet.

As I indicated to you, we have seen the test bullets and filmed them. But our amateur, eyeball examination does not give us the expert information we need.

As I also indicated to you, our ballistics expert, Lowell Bradford, having seen only a photograph of the evidence bullet obtained by Ray's defense attorneys, feels that identification of the bullet as having -- or having not -- come from the evidence rifle -- should be readily possible.

I await your call and your letter in reply.

Sincerely,



Ernest S. Leiser  
Senior Producer

Mr. Thomas L. Wiseman  
Special Agent, F.B.I.  
Room 5435  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

cc Mr. Volney Brown, U.S. Department of Justice  
Mr. Allen Shaklan, CBS



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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640PM NITEL 12-12-75 TG

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)  
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BUDED: DECEMBER 12, 1975.

REBUTEL, DECEMBER 9, 1975.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 44-1114.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS (CODE NAME: MURKIN)"
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THE CHICAGO FILE UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION, CONSISTS OF A TOTAL OF 24 VOLUMES COMPRISED OF A TOTAL OF 1794 SERIALS. INCLUDED IN THIS MATERIAL ARE EIGHT SUBFILES, A THROUGH H. MAIN CG 44-1114, WHICH CONSISTS OF SIX VOLUMES WITH 819 SERIALS, CONTAINS MATERIAL RELATING TO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO LOCATE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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ON 10-22-01

SUB A, WHICH CONSISTS OF SEVEN VOLUMES WITH 18 SERIALS, CONTAINS REPORTS CAPTIONED "JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE, I.O. 4182, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM, CR

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CONSPIRACY AND UFAC - ROBBERY" AS WELL AS OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION DURING PERIOD APRIL 18, 1968, TO OCTOBER 2, 1968.

SUB B, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 274 SERIALS, CONTAINS MEMORANDUMS RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, DURING PERIOD APRIL 2, 1968, TO AUGUST 7, 1968.

SUB C, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE VOLUMES, WITH 423 SERIALS, CONTAINS CHICAGO NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS DURING PERIOD APRIL 11, 1968, TO APRIL 6, 1972, RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SUB D, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE VOLUMES, WITH 88 SERIALS, ARE BULKY EXHIBITS CONSISTING OF ARREST RECORDS, PHOTOGRAPHS, INTERVIEW LOGS, AIRLINE MANIFEST, FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SUB E, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 86 SERIALS, CONTAINS MEMORANDUM, TELETYPES, AIRTELS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THREATS MADE AGAINST DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.